DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The whole thing may cost about 2 crores.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The so-called National Highway Scheme was started as a result of investigations conducted by the Government of India. They made arrangements to plan for Highways throughout India and came to the conclusion that Rs. 450 crores may be spent on the scheme. They invited the various Indian States to co-operate with them and to take up this scheme in conjunction with them. Soon after, the policy of the Government of India changed and, they decided that they will not take any interest in any Highway Scheme of Indian States. As a result they made arrangements to carry on their National Highway Scheme up to Cochin and left Cochin and Travancore to deal with the scheme for themselves. Before this Government were apprised of this change of policy this Government suggested to the Government of India that there are two schemes, one going along the coast and the other through the interior. Offer was made by this Government to the Government of India that we would take up whichever work they leave out. The Government of India agreed to undertake the work of the coastal line. Again the Government of India changed their policy and I believe the whole of the Scheme is under reconsideration. Therefore we have not to rely upon them with regard to any possibility of the scheme. This Government are going through with both these schemes and probably will have to decide on which of these schemes we should embark upon first. As soon as we get the necessary materials, that scheme will be completed, with concrete just like the road from here to Nagercoil. That is the scheme of this Government. Therefore honourable members may take it that there is no question of Indian National Highway Scheme so far as Indian States are concerned. Probably there is no National Highway Scheme for India.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: It is stated that the width of the road is 43 feet at formation level and varying from 66 feet to 100 feet. Why there is this variation?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It depends on the embankments, cuttings and things like that. Top will be uniform though the width of bottom varies. Top will be 43 feet wide throughout.

Additional Divisions, Sub-Divisions and Sections in the P. W. D.

179. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of additional Divisions, Sub-Divisions and Sections respectively established after the present Chief Engineer has taken charge of the Department; and

(*b*) the total annual expenditure in connection with the maintenance of the above?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) Divisions 2
Sub-Divisions 15
Sections 41

(*b*) Rs. 1,81,753.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: It is stated in the reply that since the present Chief Engineer has taken charge, 2 Divisions, 15 Sub-Divisions and 41 Sections have been established. Is it justifiable to the amount expended on the P. W. D. works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what is the necessity of increasing these Sections?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Because various projects have been sanctioned for investigation and execution. Only project works are to be done in Travancore.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Only six projects are.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The honourable member has already put up a question.

Junghar Service at Ittynair Kadavu.

180. ✻ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a junghar service has been sanctioned by Government at the Ittynair Kadavu ferry on the Chenganuoor-Mannar road *via* Puliyoor;

(*b*) whether there is any junghar at the place now; and

(*c*) whether the approach roads on both sides are fit for such services?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) During rainy season the approaches get slushy and traffic is not easy.

Registration under Medical Practitioners' Act.

181. ✻ MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications for registration under the Medical Practitioners' Act are pending disposal; and

(*b*) whether there are practitioners who have not applied for registration?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Sixty eight.

(*b*) Yes.

Ayurveda Vaidyasala in Pathanamthitta taluk.

182. ✻ MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Ayurveda Vaidyasalas in Pathanamthitta taluk getting Government grant and their respective localities?

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MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: There are 5 grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas in the Pathanamthitta taluk. They are:—

1. Aranmula.
2. Pathanamthitta.
3. Vadaserikara.
4. Perunad and,
5. Mylapra (Visha Vaidyasala) which has been ordered to be shifted to Ranni.

Grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Ranni.

183. ❊ MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the authorities concerned have received several petitions from the public pointing out the necessity for sanctioning a grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Ranni?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: Yes; and Government have sanctioned the grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Mylapra being shifted to Ranni.

Acquisition of a site for a municipal park.

184. ❊ MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was it that the Vaikom Municipal Council moved the Government for the acquisition of a site for a municipal park; and

(*b*) the action taken so far?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) On the 1st Vrischigom 1120.

(*b*) The Municipality has applied for a loan for the acquisition of site for the park. The matter is under investigation.

Retirement of Officers.

185. ❊ MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any idea about reducing the age of retirement from 58 to 55; and

(*b*) if so, from which date that change will be put into effect?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether in view to the large number of soldiers and other men retiring from the army, the Government will be pleased to reduce the age of retirement from 58 to 55?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: That is a matter for future action, Sir.

Newspapers or periodicals.

186. ❊ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of persons who have applied for licences for newspapers or periodicals during the last two years and dates of their applications;

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[Mr. K. K. Chellappan Pillai.]

(*b*) the names of persons who were granted licenses with the names of the respective papers or periodicals and the respective dates of sanction ;

(*c*) the names of persons whose applications were rejected with the dates thereof ; and

(*d*) with respect to (*c*) the reasons for the rejection?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) The time and labour involved in preparing the rejected list of names is out of all proportion to its utility.

(*b*) A *statement is placed on the table.

(*c*) The practical utility of such statement is not commensurate with the time and labour required in preparing it.

(*d*) In the opinion of Government, those applications which were rejected did not deserve consideration.

Newspaper licenses.

187. ❋ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for newspaper licenses received by the Government since the beginning of 1120 and the names of applicants ;

(*b*) the number of licenses granted ; and

(*c*) the number of licenses refused and the reasons therefor?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : The member is referred to the answer to question No. 186.

Interpellations.

188. ❋ MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of questions that have been admitted for the last budget session of the Assembly ;

(*b*) the number of questions for which answers have been given ; and

(*c*) the reasons for not replying to all the above questions?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) 910.

(*b*) 532.

(*c*) The necessary data for furnishing answers to the unanswered questions were not available in time.

P. W. D. Advisory Board.

189. ❋MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. Advisory Board has not recommended the construction of a Rest House at Palai ; and

(*b*) the action taken on it by them ?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Site has been chosen, plan for the building prepared and the estimate is under preparation.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : May I know from the Chief Engineer how long it is since the preparation of the estimate began ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I have fixed up the locality only recently. Preparation began some six months ago. It is still under preparation and they have not yet come to me.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the honourable member kindly call for it ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the work will be taken up next year ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes Sir.

Culvert over the Perumchilai thodu.

190. ❋**MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR.** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any damage has been noticed to the culvert over the Perumchilai thodu in the Vaikom-Ettumanoor road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : No.

Maintenance of roads in the Quilon Division.

191. ❋**MR. K. A. MOHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total budget estimate for the maintenance of roads in the Quilon Division for the year 1121 ; and

(*b*) the amount spent till the end of Edavom 1121 ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Rs. 5,23,161.

(*b*) Rs. 3,42,576-25-0.

Concreting of roads.

192. ❋**MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal by the Government to concrete the Trivandrum-Quilon road and the Main Central road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes.

Roads in the Quilon and Kottayam Revenue Divisions.

193. ❋**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the roads in the Quilon and Kottayam Revenue Divisions have generally deteriorated considerably after the present Chief Engineer has taken charge of the Department ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Kottarakara-Kottayam Road, Quilon-Kottarakara Road, Quilon and Changanacherry town roads, Kayamculam-Thattarampalam road and practically all the mofussil roads in the State are in a very bad and unsatisactory condition ?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected all the roads in the Kottayam Division?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not all the roads. I have inspected some of those roads.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether all those roads are in good condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: According to the value of money spent they are not too bad.

M. C. Road between Adoor and Vadakkedathu Kavu.

194. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that a portion of the M. C. Road between Adoor and Vadakkedathu Kavu—distance of 1 mile—is closed for traffic;

(*b*) if so, the purpose for, and the period during which it was so closed; and

(*c*) the amount estimated for the improvement of this part of the road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To enable the main road in question to be regrated and widened. It was closed from about the end of April to 1st July 1946.

(*c*) Rs. 8,000.

Bridge at Ennakkattu mula.

195. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the bridge at Ennakkattu mula on the Puliyoor-Ennakkad road was constructed:

(*b*) the year or years in which there have been Budget provisions for the construction of this bridge; and

(*c*) the sanctioned amount for the construction of this bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No. It is under construction.

(*b*) From 1117 M. E. to 1121.

(*c*) Rs. 2,575.

Irrigation for Trivandrum taluk.

196. *MR T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any comprehensive scheme has been prepared to solve the problem of irrigation for Trivandrum taluk; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member when the scheme will be completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The matter is under consideration and I expect the scheme to be completed within the course of six months.

Public Works in Tiruvalla Taluk.

197 *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money budgetted for public works in Tiruvalla taluk in 1121; and

(b) the amount actually spent under this head this year in the above taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Rs. 3,69,150.

(b) Rs. 38,880 up to the end of Edavom 1121.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know how the amount was expended under this project?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Large part of this money represents the project at Mallapalli. The investigation is in progress and it is likely to cost a large amount.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know when the investigation with regard to the Mallappally bridge was started?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About 10 months back.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the investigation is complete?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes. I have received even the designs.

Selection of Labour Welfare Officers.

198 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons who constituted the Board for the selection of Labour Welfare Officers last time;

(b) the names of persons who were selected by the Board for the post and their qualifications, their previous appointments, if any, and the salary they had before;

(c) the salary of the Labour Welfare Officers; and

(d) the number of applications for the post from Nairs and the number among them who were Graduates and M A's?

MR. T. CHANDY *(Public Service Commissioner)*: *(a)* (i) The Public Service Commissioner.

(ii) The Inspector General of Police and

(iii) The Director of Industries.

(b) A *statement containing the information required is laid on the table.

(c) Rs. 80-5-100.

(d) Number of applications—10

Graduates 8 of whom 1 was an Honours Graduate.

*Vide Appendix III

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Appointments in the Higher division of Public Service.

199 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR: (*Nominated*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new appointments made in the higher division of the Public Service of the State in 1118, 1119, 1120, and 1121; and

(b) whether there is any appointment made from the Nadar community?

MR. T. CHANDY: *(a)*

1118	Nil.
1119	Nil.
1120	Two.
1121	Three.

(b) No.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): ഫ ഫവ, ഫ ഫൻ, ഈ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ ഇൻറർമീഡിയറു ഡിവിഷനിൽ അപ്പോയിൻറുമെൻറു് നടന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MR. T. CHANDY: ഉണ്ടു്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: അങ്ങനെയുള്ള നിയമങ്ങളും എങ്ങനെയാണു നടന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്.

MR. T. CHANDY: മറു, കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ റൂൾസു് അനുസരിച്ചു ചെയ്തുപോലെ റൂൾ അനുസരിച്ചു ചെയ്തു.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: മറുകൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ റൂൾ അനുസരിച്ചു അപ്പോയിൻറുമെൻറു നടത്തി എന്നുള്ളതിനു്, ഒരു എക്സ്പ്ലനേഷൻ ദയവായി തരാമോ ?

MR. T. CHANDY: ചോദ്യം മനസ്സിലായില്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: മറുകൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ റൂൾ അനുസരിച്ചു ഇൻറർമീഡിയെറു ഡിവിഷനിൽ അപ്പോയിൻറുമെൻറു് നടത്തി എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്താണു്, റൂൾ; എങ്ങനെയാണു് നടത്തിയതു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. CHANDY: പബ്ലിക്കു് സർവീസു് റിക്രൂട്ടുമെൻറു് റൂൾസിൽ ലോവർ ഡിവിഷൻ, ഇൻറർമീഡിയെറു ഡിവിഷൻ, ഹയർ ഡിവിഷൻ എന്നു വയ്ക്കു് ഓരോന്നിനും പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകം റൂൾസു് ഉണ്ടു. അതനുസരിച്ചു് നിയമനം നടത്തി.

Appointments made by Government.

200 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, by caste, of appointments made by Government in the higher and interme diate divisions of public service?

MR. T. CHANDY: The question is vague and is not understood.

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 155.**

List of sugar stockists in the Municipal town of Alleppey.

1.	Mr. Hajee Kasam Hajee Essa, Merchant,	Alleppey.
2.	Mr. Hajee Habeeb Hajee Peermohamed,	do.
3.	Mr. Adam Hajee Peermohamed Essack,	do.
4.	Mr. Hajee Ibrahim Kasam Cochinwalla	do.
5.	Messrs. P. M. Thomas and Co.	do.
6.	Messs. Boyce and Co.,	do.
7.	Messrs. Asiatic Trading Corporation.	do.

Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 186.**

Licences under the Newspapers Act granted for the publication of Newspapers and Periodicals in 1120.

	Name of Newspaper or Periodical.	Date of issue of licence.	Name of Printer and Publisher to whom licence has been issued.
1.	Prabhatham ...	13-10-1944	A. Thangal Kunju Musaliar, Quilon
2.	Karshakan ..	4-12-1944	G. Krishna Pillai, Kottarakara
3.	Chakravalam ...	11-12-1944	K. P. Karunakara Pisharody, Kottayam
4.	Viswa Bharathi ...	14-12-1944	K. S. Suryan Bhattathiripad, Kottayam
5.	Quarterly Journal of the Travancore University Oriental Manuscripts Library ...	26-4-1945	V. A. Ramaswami Sastri, Trivandrum
6.	Treasury of knowledge and Missionary Intelligence ...	12-7-1945	C. M. Itty, Kottayam
7.	Family Friend ...	12-7-1945	C. M. Itty, Kottayam
8.	Balamitram ...	12-7-1945	C. M. Itty, Kottayam
9.	Our Magazine ...	12-7-1945	C. M. Itty, Kottayam
10.	Diocesan Magazine ...	12-7-1945	C. M. Itty, Kottayam

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APPENDIX II—*(contd.)*

License granted under the Newspapers Act for the publication of Newspapers and Periodicals in 1121.

Serial No.	Name of Newspaper or Periodical.	Date of issue of licence.	Name of Printer and Publisher to whom licence has been issued.
1	The Malayali	18-10-1945	A. E. Rama Kurup
2	The Home Field	31-10-1945	Br. Angel Mary
3	Sudhinam	6-11-1945	Mr. K. R. Narayanan
4	The Christian	9-11-1945	Rev. Daniel S. Chuvala
5	Chitra Prabha	9-11-1945	C. I. Gopala Pillai
6	Vidyabhivardhini	28-11-1945	Balakrishna Reddiar
7	The Malayalam Messenger	8-12-1945	A. F. Jessen
8	The Indian Thinker	8-12-1945	S. Padmanabha Aiyar
9	The Travaneore Abhimani	18-12-1945	D. C. Joseph
10	The Karia Darsi	18-12-1945	T. T. Kesavan Sastri
11	Yuva Keralam	24-12-1945	K.K. Chellappan Pillai
12	The Vidyabhushanam	24-12-1945	K. Gopal
13	Travancore Fine Arts and Industry	12-2-1946	P. Sankara Pillai
14	Sahitya Ratnam	20-2-1946	K. M. Mathan Tharakan
15	Then Thilagom	4-3-1946	V. M. Yesudhas
16	Kesari	27-3-1946	P. K. Padmanabha Pillai
17	Doctor	27-3-1946	A. N. Gopalan Nair
18	Industrial Intelligence	27-3-1946	K. C. Chacko
19	Viswa Deepam	27-3-1946	Rev. M. Sathyanathan
20	Chudar	27-3-1946	V. Markandan
21	Sarathy	27-3-1946	Balakrishnan Nair
22	Sambavar Deepika	27-3-1946	Brahmapuram P. Yesudian
23	Kairaly	29-3-1646	E. V. Ramachanbran Nair
24	Poomagal	3-4-1946	S. V. Nadarajan
25	Swaraj	6-4-1946	P. K. Kunju
26	The Malankara Sabha	11-4-1936	Rev. Fr. T. C. Jacob
27	Usha	17-4-1946	N. Kunjuraman Pillai
28	Jyotisha Prakasika	17-4-1946	K. C. Purushothaman Jyostyar
29	Vanchi Bhumi	17-4-1946	G. Kesava Pillai
30	Abhyudayam	1-5-1946	D. Narayanan Potti
31	Cinetone	1-5-1946	A. Subramanium
32	Vaniga Nesan	1-5-1946	N. Veerabhadran

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Appendix II.—(*concld.*)

Licenses granted under the Newspapers Act for the publication of Newspapers and Periodicals in 1121.

Serial No.	Name of Newspaper or Periodical.	Date of issue of license.	Name of Printer and Publisher to whom licence has been issued
33	Cinema Masika	1-5-1946	T. M. Chandy.
34	Sarasan	1-5-1946	R. Madhavan Pillai.
35	The Sports Review	1-5-1946	T. K. Nilakanta Aiyar
36	Jaya Keralam	6-5-1946	M. Samuel.
37	Jai Hind	7-5-1946	K. M. Mohamed Bashir.
38	Devi	9-5-1946	P. Mahalingom Mudaliar.
39	Bala Keralam	9-5-1946	K. K. Abraham.
40	Fact	11-6-1946	T. C. Gopinathan.
41	Vidyabhooshanam	11-6-1946	K. Gopal.
42	Janatha	11-6-1946	K. Gangadharan Tampi.
43	Thondan	29-6-1946	K. Arumugha Navalar
44	The Adarsam	1-7-1946	K. K. Padmanabhan.
45	Chelvi	20-7-1946	A. Subbiah.
46	Chithraramam	20-7-1946	N. Madhavan.
47	Bharatha Kesari	22-7-1946	K. C. Pillai.
48	Probhodini	(Licence has been sanctioned, but not issued as the applicant has not remitted the fee.)	K. C. Thomas.

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